

*Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor*

Whereas, The Chicago and Northwestern Railroad built west from Tracy, Minnesota, into Dakota Territory during the summer and fall of 1879; and,

Whereas, The city of Brookings was one of the original towns established along the railroad at that time; and,

Whereas, Brookings was platted by a surveying crew led by Arthur Jacobi on October 3-4, 1879; and,

Whereas, Brookings was chosen as the county seat of Brookings County in an election held on November 4, 1879; and,

Whereas, John O'Brien Scobey, a resident of Brookings and a member of the Territorial legislature, introduced a bill during the session of 1881 that designated Brookings as the home of Land Grant College; and,

Whereas, Brookings became a vital, progressive, and successful home of agriculture, business, and industry in subsequent decades; and,

Whereas, Residents of the city are friendly, helpful, courteous, and kind, making Brookings one of the most livable communities in South Dakota; and,

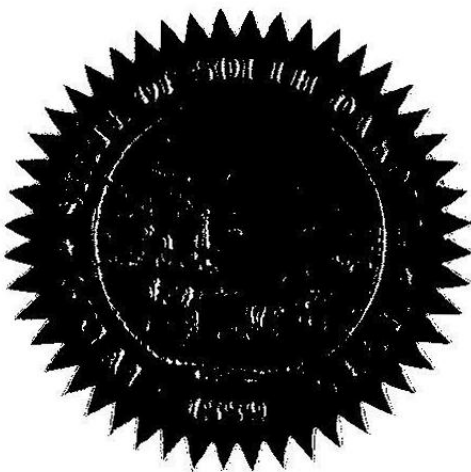
Whereas, Brookings continues to be a model community, admired by people far and wide, around the country and around the world; and,

Whereas, Brookings will celebrate its 125th anniversary on July 1-7, 2004:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim July 1-7, 2004, as

BROOKINGS QUASQUICENTENNIAL WEEK

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-sixth Day of May in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.


M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:


Chris Nelson, Secretary of State